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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 83- 60

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY AUDITORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

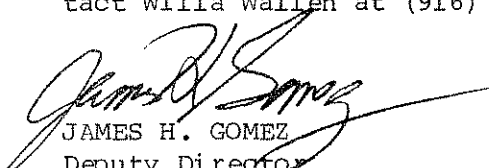
SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ADOPTION COST OF CARE PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to clarify state policy on reimbursement for foster care for children placed under the custody of a County Welfare Department pursuant to Section 226c of the Civil Code.

These are children who have been placed by the natural parent(s) with the adoptive parent(s) of the natural parent(s) choice. Before the legal adoption can be finalized, the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) must determine if the adoption is in the best interests of the child. In those instances where SDSS must recommend against the adoption and in those instances where the adoptive parent(s) change their mind(s), the Court awards custody to SDSS or a licensed county adoption agency. Once the child has been identified as a 226c child, the State must provide 100 percent reimbursement to the county for the reasonable cost of care for that child.

If the child is not eligible for the AFDC-Foster Care Program (AFDC-FC), the payment shall be claimed directly on the Adoption Cost of Care Claim. If the child is eligible for AFDC-FC, payment for such child shall be made through the AFDC-FC Program in the same manner as any other foster care payment. The AFDC-FC claiming mechanism provides the normal federal, state and county participation in the aid payment. That part of the payment which is determined as county share (any amount not reimbursed by federal or state funds) must then be claimed in Column 5 of the Form AD 801A (Claim-Adoption Cost of Care under W&I Code Section 16106) and summarized on the Form AD 800 (Certification-Adoption Cost of Care Subvention). All other applicable information on both forms must be completed as instructed on the forms.

If you have any questions regarding the above mentioned instructions, please contact Willa Wallen at (916) 323-0267 or (8) 473-0267.

  
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